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ON EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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1. THE GOS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT INFORMATION ON EQUATORIAL
GUINEA IS STILL TO BE TREATED BY THE MEDIA AS "RESERVED"
MATERIAL, MEANING NO RPT NO PUBLICATIONS OF NEWS ABOUT
THAT LAND.

2. IN SPAIN WHERE THE PRESS HAS BECOME LARGELY FREE.
IT'S CURIOUS THAT EQUATORIAL GUNEA-- ALONG WITH CERTAIN
MATTERS OF JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION HAVING TO DO WITH ALLEGATIONS
OF POLICE BRUTALITY-- IT "RESERVED" MATERIAL, ALTHOUGH
THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY SOME UNSPOKE AREAS
DEALING WITH THE KING AND THE MILITARY.

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3. PRESUMABLY THE SPANISH ARE AWARE OF THE LATEST
EQUATORIAL GUINEA SENSITIVITY ABOUT PRESS REPORTS ON
THEIR COUNTRY THIS TIME IN FRENCH NEWSPAPERS
(REFTEL) AND THIS HAS REINFORCED THE DECISION TO TREAT
EQUATORIAL GUINEA AS "RESERVED" MATTER.
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